

## **Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities**

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2013, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Robert Canamar, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Steve Ferreira, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Carl Peterson, Ryan Troyer, Deborah Witmer

Commissioners Absent: Mark Adreon, Mike Barta, Hope Drummond, Grace Oludiji, Jonathan Porter

Guests: Wes Gonzales, Daphne Tomchak, Lucy (Teen Link), Doug Hilde, Karen Johnson, Tim Shockley, Sally Bagshaw

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: 4:30 by Laura Gramer

#### Public Comment:

Doug Hilde encouraged the Commission to remain involved in the waterfront and seawall replacement project planning, development, and construction issues. Patt reminded Commissioners of the waterfront and seawall forum that the Commission sponsored last year. Councilmember Bagshaw identified Marshall Foster as the key contact within the Department of Transportation. Laura will follow up with Mark.

Approval of Minutes: February 2013 minutes approved as read

Guest Speaker: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Councilmember Bagshaw, who chairs the Council's Parks and Recreation Committee, is preparing a ballot measure for parks funding, anticipated in August 2014. In the past, parks ballot measures did not include funding for maintenance, resulting in a \$250 million backlog of deferred maintenance in the City's 6,200 acres of parks.

Councilmember Bagshaw has two requests of the Commission.

- Encourage people with disabilities to participate in stakeholder groups to identify needs this year for the ballot measure in 2014.
- Next year, inform people with disabilities about the work being done.

Joshua Caple commented that parks need accessible picnic spaces, accessible restrooms, and proximity to bus routes.

SOCR Report: Michael Chin

- State bills regarding paid sick and safe time died in legislature, except for one that would limit its reach to Seattle. Service animal bill died.
- Seeking Commissioners to review fair housing training. Vickie Foster and Joshua Caple volunteered.

- Reviewing City job descriptions to determine whether some driver's license requirements can be eliminated.
- Will investigate bill that would require parental notice before schools can use restraints or solitary confinement. Contact at DRW is Andrea Cadillac.

#### Committee Reports:

- Executive: Laura and Jonathan will meet with Mayor McGinn tomorrow to present the Commission's 2013 Work Plan.
- Public Safety: Next meeting will feature presentation on the Seattle Disaster Plan by Grant Tietje.
- Outreach:
  - Facebook page has over 100 likes.
  - Commissioners are asked to review the list of possible picnic locations that Joshua provided.
  - Steve Ferreira expects to finish the anti-bullying video within the week. Will seek to have it captioned and to have it shown by television stations. Vickie Foster asked that attention be paid to the use of respectful language.

**MOTION:** Empower the Executive Committee to view the video and decide whether to endorse it. **ACTION: PASSED**
- Issues: The Department of Finance and Administrative Services is interviewing for an ADA Facilities Supervisor.
- Nominating: A press release has been issued seeking applicants.

#### Old Business:

**MOTION:** Empower the Executive Committee to draft a letter in support of SB 5180, Deborah Witmer to write first draft. **ACTION: PASSED**

**MOTION:** Empower the Executive Committee to draft a letter in support of HB 1814 with assistance from the Transportation Subcommittee.  
**ACTION: PASSED**

**MOTION:** Empower the Executive Committee to sign on to a letter encouraging affordable housing in South Lake Union if drafted by the Seattle Human Rights Commission. **ACTION: PASSED**